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Drive In Summer Music Series begins Wednesday

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series begins Wednesday, June 10 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Moon Cats, a four-member band, play a variety of hits from the '50s and '60s including Elvis, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Hank Williams, Jack Scott and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

MHS plans first-ever senior parade for June 12

For the first time, Manchester High School (MHS) will honor graduating seniors with a senior parade through downtown North Manchester starting at 7 p.m. Friday, June 12. Graduating seniors will be meeting at the high school at 6:30 p.m. and the town police will escort them from there. The parade will head south on North Market Street, then turn east on East Second Street, then turn north on North Mill Street, then turn west on East College Avenue and finally south on North Market Street again before arriving back at the high school parking lot. For more information, email james_bishir@mcs.k12.in.us.

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Southwood names top students

Daisy Sparks named valedictorian; Grant Whitham named salutatorian

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Southwood Junior/Senior High School has named the valedictorian and salutatorian for the graduating class of 2020, stated Andrew McDaniel, principal, in response to a Plain Dealer request Monday.

Valedictorian

Daisy Sparks has been named valedictorian.

"Daisy has participated in Indiana

All-State Honor Choir, Wabash County Honor Choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Student Congress, ISSMA District and State Contests, Choir, Senior Class Cabinet, Softball, Mayor's Youth Council, Crossroads Bank Junior Board of

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LEFT: Daisy Sparks.
RIGHT: Grant Whitham.
Photos provided



Manchester University sets record on Giving Day 2020

The goal of \$100K surpassed with over \$235K in donations, and counting

By ANNE GREGORY

Giving Day 2019 at Manchester University included a campus-wide picnic, a flash mob, two giant gift box reveals for students and a surprise marriage proposal. The total at the end of that Giving Day was a record \$93,000 but with additional gifts that came in afterward it added up to \$116,000.

The goal this year for June 3 was \$100,000 and 350 donor gifts. As of 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, the total was \$235,500 from 425 donors, more than doubling the 2020 goal amount and the 2019 total.

Giving Day 2020 had been scheduled in April, but the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic pushed the event back to June 3, after the academic year ended.

"As I reflect on Giving Day, the word I keep going back to is grateful! The alumni office worked very diligently over the last nine months to put this day together," said Kylee Moss, director of alumni relations and a 2011 MU graduate. "We worked countless hours on projects that were canceled when the first Giving Day was postponed and after it became clear that in-person events were simply not possible."

"We kept moving forward," she said, "because this day was about our students and bringing our Manchester community together. We were able to come up with a new plan with the new virtual date of June 3. We switched directions a bit and wanted



Photo submitted

Events on Giving Day 2020 concluded with a Manchester University trivia competition hosted by 2018 graduate Peter Shepherd. Kyle Grubbs, seated, won the game, and Samantha Alley, front, came in second. Samantha is director of student involvement and leadership development. She graduated from Manchester in 2011. Kyle is assistant director of admissions outreach and interim social media coordinator. She graduated from Manchester in 2012. Both were active members of the Giving Day Committee.

the day to focus on engagement and bringing people together. Our Spartans did come together and blew every goal and expectation we had out of the water!"

There was a virtual coffee hour with the president; a couple of cooking and baking presentations; live music performed by graduates, faculty and

staff; a Snapchat scavenger hunt and MU trivia on Zoom. Beforehand, there were emails and social media posts – not focused on the money but on what the gifts mean in terms of scholarships in trying times for students and their families.

"My heart is full today with gratitude for our

alumni and members of the Spartan community who stepped up so very boldly in this historic time for our school, and nation," said Melanie Harmon, vice president for advancement.

A North Carolina mother of a student in the Class of 2021, for example, did a

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HCC, MCS receive career, technical education grants

State issued \$50K in implementation funds to 12 schools

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) has selected 12 recipients for a Next Level Programs of Study Implementation Grant, according to Sam Rourke, communications strategist.

Among the winners were two Wabash County schools.

Manchester Community Schools (MCS) was awarded for its Business Administration pathway.

The Heartland Career Center (HCC) was awarded for its Agribusiness pathway.

In a Thursday statement to the Plain Dealer, Sue Gnagy, MCS curriculum director and high ability coordinator stated these grants will provide the selected schools and CTE Districts up to \$50,000 each to offer a pilot program of a Next Level Program of Study during the 2020-2021 school year.

Rourke stated the Office of CTE has been working with K-12 teachers and administrators, Ivy Tech Community College, and Vincennes University in developing the new programs of study.

"The Implementation Grant recipients will be piloting programs in ten different career pathways,

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Salamonie Preschool 'F is for Fish' program planned

Event set to take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday

STAFF REPORT

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "F is for Fish" program Wednesday, June 10, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist, Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

The class will be offered from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State

Recreation Area, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews.

"This program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme," stated Rody.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is required. Limited seating available. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

ISDH adds three local COVID-19 cases over weekend; total now 84

The state still reports two local deaths, now reports 1,109 tests

STAFF REPORT

Over the weekend, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added a total of three more local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 84.

On Saturday, the ISDH added two more local cases, bringing the total to 83, with 1,078 tests. On Sun-

day, the ISDH did not add any more local cases but did report 1,093 tests. On Monday, the ISDH reported another new local case, bringing the total to 84, with 1,109 tests.

On Monday, the ISDH still reported two local deaths.

Statewide on Monday, the ISDH announced that 244 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private

laboratories. That brings to 37,623 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

Intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remains steady. As of Monday, more than 38 percent of ICU beds and 83 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 2,135 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 14 over the

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Directors, Emmanuel FWB Church worship team and youth group, Wabash Valley Dance Theater, VPA Summer Theater, Monster Piano Concert, 4-H and piano lessons. Daisy’s interests include music, art, aerial recreation and floriculture, but she is still undecided upon plans,” stated McDaniel, “Way to go, Daisy! We are proud of you!”

Salutatorian

Grant Whitham has been named salutatorian. “Grant has been involved with Boy Scouts of America, Wabash County 4-H, Varsity Football, Pep Band, Concert Band, Wabash County Honors Band, St. James Lutheran Youth Group, Boy Scouts of America--Order of the Arrow, Student Congress, Baseball, Basketball, and Track and Field. Great job, Grant! We are proud of you!” Whitham has submitted his speech for the July 19

ceremony. “Daisy has not yet submitted hers, but she still has plenty of time,” stated McDaniel. Whitman’s prepared speech is as follows: “Congratulations class of 2020, the day we have all been looking forward to has finally arrived. For some of us, our educational journey is over, and we will never have to sit through another class, write another paper, or take another test again. But, for those of us that are choosing to go to college this fall, we will become freshmen again as we begin our journey through many more years of schooling. Regardless, after today we will embark on the next chapter of our lives and each goes down our separate paths. Although we will encounter new people, make new friends and experience new things, our roots will always be anchored in the same place. “As we gather here together to celebrate 13 years of learning, we are surrounded by the people who

have taught and inspired us throughout our lives. I would like to thank my parents, family members, friends, teachers, coaches, and classmates for helping to shape me into the person I am today. However, my biggest thanks go to God. Without him, I would have not been able to accomplish everything that I have achieved in my 19 years of life. “Seniors, within a few moments, we will all be walking off this stage with a diploma in hand ready to take on the real world. As we do, I encourage you all to chase your dreams and do what you love. “Once again, congratulations seniors. I hope that when we walk out of this school for the final time, we can all look back and remember all the good memories we have shared. I wish you all the best of luck, and as always, Let’s Go Knights!” Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



Photo provided

Samantha Alley, front with hair up, and Kyle Grubbs place the names of donors on the Giving Day wall. Each donor’s name is written on an oak leaf. Because many oaks grow on campus, and are a symbol of endurance, it is a Manchester tradition to give an acorn to each incoming student and a seedling to each graduate. Samantha is director of student involvement and leadership development. Kyle is assistant director of admissions outreach and interim social media coordinator. Both were on the Giving Day Committee and worked tirelessly for months on this.

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Facebook fundraiser on her birthday and raised \$410 that is earmarked for Manchester University. Giving continues at www.manchester.edu/giving. The

site will close near the end of June. Moss was joined on the Giving Day Committee by MU staff members Mike Leckrone, Taylor Strong, Kyle Grubbs, Samantha Alley, Joel Waggy, Dan Chudzynski, Nadine Baker, June Haecker, Megan Sar-

ber, JoHanna Young, Katherine Haff, Janeen Kooi and Jim Manis. Students Alex Downard and Haley Farris were also on the committee. Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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with courses delivered in diverse settings and formats. Recipients represent career centers and high schools from across Indiana. Each pilot program will serve as a model for schools in preparing for the statewide rollout of Next Level Programs of Study in 2021-2022. Office of CTE staff will provide technical assistance to each recipient throughout this summer and school year and use lessons learned to ensure an effective statewide transition to Next Level Programs of

Study the following school year,” stated Rourke. “Each program of study will contain intentional coursework designed to allow Indiana students to earn credentials, including industry certifications and postsecondary certificates, while enrolled in high school. Students who participate in these programs of study will have an opportunity to launch their careers sooner while saving money on postsecondary tuition and training expenses.” Rourke stated in March, the Office of CTE awarded 36 Next Level Programs of Study Planning Grants of \$5,000 each.

“Planning Grant recipients participated in virtual workshops put on by the Office of CTE to develop a deeper understanding of the goals and requirements of Next Level Programs of Study. Recipients then collaborated with community partners to develop an implementation plan specific to their local community. Thirty Planning Grant recipients submitted implementation plans, of which 12 were selected to receive Implementation Grants,” stated Rourke. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

CASES

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previous day. Another 181 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days. To date, 309,503 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 304,263 on Sunday. Hoosiers who have symptoms of COVID-19 and those who have been exposed and need a test to return to work are encouraged to visit a state-sponsored testing site for free testing. Individuals without symptoms who are at high risk because they are over age 65, have diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure or another underlying condition, as well as those who are pregnant, live with a high-risk individual or are a member of a minority population that is at greater risk for severe illness, also are

encouraged to get tested. ISDH will host a free drive-thru clinic from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday at the Merrillville Municipal Complex, 7820 Broadway, Merrillville. To

find other testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. More than 200 locations are available around the state.

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:18 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:16 a.m.

 Last 6/13	 New 6/21	 First 6/28	 Full 7/5
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 75% chance of showers, high temperature of 87°, humidity of 56%. Southeast wind 10 to 25 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an 80% chance of showers, overnight low of 72°. South southeast wind 18 to 25 mph.

Pediatric syndrome may be linked to coronavirus

DEAR DOCTORS: What can you tell me about Kawasaki disease? I read that children who had COVID-19 are getting it. But I thought children were supposedly safe from the virus. Why has that changed? **DEAR READER:** You’ve broached two important topics, and we’ll take them in reverse order. As we’ve mentioned here before, every bit of information about the novel coronavirus, which we all first heard about in the final days of 2019, has been learned in real time. No one had ever seen this specific virus before, so everything about it was a mystery. This included its genetic and physical makeup, how it’s transmitted, who it affects, how it enters the body and how the body responds once an infection is launched. Our understanding of the virus and COVID-19, which is the disease that it causes, continues to evolve on a daily, and sometimes hourly, basis.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



You’re correct that at the start of the pandemic, COVID-19 was known primarily as a viral pneumonia. It’s also true that doctors saw significantly fewer cases in children than among adults. People 18 and younger have accounted for only 2 percent of confirmed cases of COVID-19, and they often experience mild symptoms. However, as doctors continue to treat patients, the knowledge base about the disease and its many symptoms expands. Now, emerging data points to the novel coronavirus as the cause of a potentially dangerous inflammatory condition in children. Referred to in the U.S. as multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, or MIS-C, it involves inflammation in the heart, blood vessels, eyes and skin. Although it’s similar to Kawasaki disease, a rare inflammatory illness often seen in infants and young children, it’s not the same thing. Kawasaki disease is a condition in which high levels of inflammation affect the blood vessels that serve the heart. Untreated, it can result in damage that is life-threatening. Symptoms of MIS-C include fever, swollen lymph nodes in the neck, a skin rash, pink eye, redness of the lips and tongue, intestinal distress, inflammation leading to poor organ function that can include the kidneys

or heart, inflammation of the blood vessels and joint pain. The two most common symptoms of COVID-19 in adults, which are shortness of breath and a dry, hacking cough, often don’t show up in children. Doctors in 19 states have reported cases of the new syndrome, including hard-hit New York, New Jersey and California. The condition is also being seen in Europe and the United Kingdom. Researchers don’t yet know what triggers the inflammatory syndrome, which is not caused directly by the novel coronavirus. However, many of the affected children are testing positive for COVID-19 antibodies. This suggests a link between MIS-C and the novel coronavirus. Some researchers suspect the syndrome is a

delayed response by the immune system. So far, the syndrome is rare, and most children are not seriously affected. However, new cases continue to emerge. This has prompted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prepare a national alert with detailed information on symptoms, so that the syndrome can be quickly identified and treated. Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.



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6-3-4, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
8-7-3, SB: 7
Daily Four-Midday
4-2-0-9, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
1-0-8-0, SB: 7
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$410 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$22 million

MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum..... 0.70
Copper..... 2.53
Lead..... 0.79
Zinc..... 0.92
Gold..... 1,691.12
Silver..... 17.48
Platinum..... 827.05

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Monday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.37. Soybeans: \$8.55.

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STATE BRIEFS

Indiana businesswoman and philanthropist dies at age 77

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Christel DeHaan, an Indiana businesswoman, philanthropist and founder of a nonprofit helping low-income school children, has died, according to the organization. She was 77.

DeHaan died at home Saturday after a recent hospital stay, according to Christel House International.

She was a founder of Resort Condominiums International, an Indiana-based timeshare company. In 1998, she formed Christel House International, which now serves thousands of students and graduates in India, Jamaica, Mexico, South Africa and the United States.

“Christel’s vision and compassion were unparalleled,” Dennert Ware, who heads a committee at the organization, said in a statement. “Her legacy will live on in the thousands of lives she uplifted.”

DeHaan used her wealth to donate millions to Republican candidates and to the arts. The fine arts center at the University of Indianapolis carries her name.

While Christel House schools have recently been praised for success, there’s been controversy in the past. In 2013, the Associated Press found school officials overhauled a grading system to give one of the organization’s schools a better score.

Condolences poured in over the weekend from numerous elected officials, including Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb who called DeHaan called her

a “world renown humanitarian” whose legacy “will live on for generations to come.”

Grant to improve soil conservation practices

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A \$500,000 grant is expected to increase the number of soil conservation practices in Indiana and improve water quality in watersheds across the state.

The Indiana Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program announced the grant Monday.

The funding was provided from a legal settlement that was stewarded in part by the Indiana Wildlife Federation, according to the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

The program seeks to improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands aimed at reducing pollution from sediment, nutrient, pesticide and herbicide losses from agricultural runoff into watersheds near the Wabash and White Rivers.

Participants in the program remove cropland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, trees and other vegetation. Those remain in place for at least 14 years.

The funding comes from American Electric Power under a legal settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, eight states and 13 citizens groups, Indiana’s Agriculture department said.

The settlement included an agreement by American Electric Power to invest \$3.5 million to improve air quality and to reduce pollution in Indiana through various projects.

fund.org or by phone 260-563-6726. The deadline for applications to be received is Friday, June 12. For more information, visit <https://www.efsp.unitedway.org/efsp/website/index.cfm>.

2021 spring comedy director sought

The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, email Eric Seaman at ericcharlesseaman@gmail.com, Bev Vanderpool at vanderpob@yahoo.com or Howard Kaler at gm@charleycreekinn.com.

‘Painting through Miami Eyes’ events set for Mississinewa, Salamonie

Join Catherine Nagy Mowry, for a painting workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Mississinewa Lake, and Saturday, June 20 at Salamonie Lake. Class size is limited. Property entrance fees apply. This is a free event. Advance registration

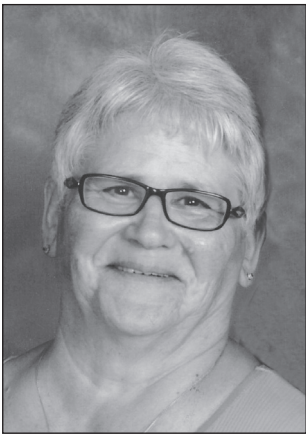
Karen Kay Daine

July 10, 1950 – June 6, 2020

Karen Kay Daine, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 10:30 pm, Saturday, June 6, 2020 at her home. She was born July 10, 1950 in Peru, Indiana to Carl S. “Sam” and Virginia L. (Smith) Barnett.

Karen was a 1968 graduate of William Henry Harrison High School in Evansville, Indiana. She married David T. Daine in Wabash on June 20, 1975. Karen was a housewife and also a cook at O.J. Neighbors Elementary School in Wabash. She was a member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church, and a member of the Wabash Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #90. She enjoyed reading and sewing, but her grandchildren were her hobby.

She is survived by her husband, David T. Daine of Wabash, three daughters, Teresa (Nick) Harris of Wabash, Alicia (Tim) Boeddeker of Liberty Township, Ohio, and Angela (David) Pennington of Middletown, Ohio, nine grandchildren, Sheldon Jones III, Lacie Jones, Samuel Harris, Chaz Harris, and John Harris, all of Wabash, Austin Boeddeker, Brady Boeddeker, and Riley Boeddeker, all of Liberty Township, and Davee Pennington of Middletown, OH, great granddaughter, Ari-



el McMahan of Middletown, Ohio, and her sister, Peggy Jo Kilcrease of Grand Prairie, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Carl E. Barnett.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Nathan Whybrew, and Pastor John Cook officiating. Entombment will be in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7pm Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

The memorial guest book for Karen may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Bruce Randal Penn

Funeral Services for Bruce Randal Penn, 59, of Wabash, Indiana, were 2:00 pm, Saturday, June 6, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Solomon David officiated and Susan Vanlandingham was the musician.

Memories shared by family and friends. Pallbearers were Jeremy Penn, Matt Penn, Andrew Penn, Richard Hubbard, Chris Arrick, Randy Baer. Entombment was in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum, Memorial Lawns Cemetery.

Donald E. Weaver

Funeral services for Donald E. Weaver, 85, formerly of Speicherville, were 11:00 am Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Wabash Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor Tod Masters officiated and special music by the Erie Street Singers. Pallbearers

were Jerry Eakright, Randall Sweigart II, Dean C. Weaver, David M. Weaver, Matthew Bakehorn, and Brad Collins. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service handled arrangements.

required, by calling 260-468-2127.

Weed Wrangle to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Meet Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) members and volunteers from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 13 at Mississinewa Lake’s Blue Heron Trailhead, E. County Road 500 South, Peru. For more information and for advance registration, call 260-468-2127.

Mural Fest application deadline extended

From Sept. 8 to 18, regional and national artists will create 11 high-quality murals – one in each of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana. The site chosen for the Wabash County mural was the Selleck Building, 214 E. Main St., North Manchester. Artists are encouraged to apply by Sunday, June 14. To apply or learn more, visit www.NEImuralfestival.com.

Teen Indiana Master Naturalist classes to be held at Salamonie

The sessions will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19 at Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants must complete 80 percent of the course sessions, complete 12 volunteer hours with local or state natural resources organization, complete a pre- and post-survey during the first and last

course sessions, and pay registration fee required by the sponsor. Class size is limited to 14 participants. Space is reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. Space will be reserved only upon payment of the \$60 registration fee. Registration is due by Friday, June 5. Registration applications are available by visiting Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center or by emailing Trody@dnr.in.gov. Call 260-468-2127 for more information or visit www.indianamasternaturalist.org.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for June 16

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 17

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 17 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Soul Shot features Bobby Velasquez and John Kirkwood and many other seasoned musicians including Darrell Ellison, Ben Black, John Hancock and Wesley Kirkwood. Soul Shot plays classic rock and other genres including dance, oldies, disco, blues and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The

performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for June 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 19 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

Wabash County Museum announces re-opening plans

The Wabash County Museum plans to re-open the majority of its facility to the public Tuesday, June 23 with modified hours. The new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early July.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne’s best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on

Rosemary Daigle

April 5, 1944 – June 4, 2020

Rosemary Daigle, 76, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died at 7:14 pm, Thursday, June 4, 2020 at Heritage Park in Fort Wayne. She was born April 5, 1944 in Wabash County, Indiana to Dorwin and Mildred (Kirby) Barnett.

Rosemary graduated from Noble High School, in Wabash County, in 1962. She received her nursing degree from Parkview School of Nursing. She married Eugene Daigle in Fort Wayne on August 26, 1967. She worked as a Registered Nurse at both Parkview and Lutheran Hospitals until her retirement in 2006. Rosemary was a member of Avalon Missionary Church in Waynedale, Indiana where she was involved in many church activities. She lived her faith and demonstrated her kind and caring spirit in service to others. Through her career as a nurse, caring for both her mother and sister through long illnesses, and volunteer work with children, she put others first. She passed along her love for nature and the outdoors to her children and grandchildren and made lifelong friends wherever she went, from her time in nurse’s training, to treasured coworkers, neighbors, and church friends. She loved her grandchildren dearly, enjoyed traveling, tending to the chickens and gardens on her “mini farm” in Hoagland, and was an ardent Purdue basketball fan.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Daigle of Fort Wayne, two children, Julie (Alex) Machado of Fort Wayne, and Tad Daigle of Austin, Texas, two grandchildren, Melissa Machado and



Edward Machado, both of Fort Wayne, and her brother, David (Kay) Barnett of North Manchester, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Joyce Ann Overly, and brother, Dalton Barnett.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Jeff Barnett officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research.

The memorial guest book for Rosemary may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

PENDING SERVICES

Dortha Grismore: 97, has passed away. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili, Indiana. Friends may call 12:30-2:00

pm Friday, at the funeral home.

Stephen Bonis: 78, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Autumn Ridge in Wabash. Services are pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

PULSE

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Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled “Dreams” from Monday, June 15 to Sunday, Aug. 16. To register, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams. Judging will take place on Wednesday, June 10. Artists selected as winners and accepted entries in the competition will be notified on Thursday, June 11. Unaccepted entries can be picked up Friday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. To make an appointment to pick up unaccepted entries after Monday, June 15, contact Hughes or call 260-274-1411. The cost of entry per three pieces is \$20.

Wabash County awarded emergency food, shelter funds

Wabash County has been chosen to receive \$7,529 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Steve Johnson, local board chair of the Wabash County United Fund, by mail at P.O. Box 2, or 73 Canal Street, Wabash, IN 46992, by email at steve.johnson@wcunited

a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

Opinion

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Don't deploy active duty American troops to battle Americans

Thankfully so far, President Donald Trump has not followed through on Monday's blustery threat to send American soldiers to battle American citizens in cities where demonstrations and rioting have broken out.

There's no question that civilian law enforcement – with the assistance, in some cases, of state-activated National Guard troops – must be swift and firm in responding to the looting, vandalism and fires that have marred so many worthy street protests over the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis on Memorial Day.

But just because Trump can, under the Insurrection Act of 1807, order U.S. troops deployed inside the United States doesn't mean he should. Such a step should be considered only if and when all other options have been exhausted.

'Your president of law and order'

The Insurrection Act has been invoked rarely and narrowly – in 1992 to quell Los Angeles' riots at the invitation of the California governor, and to safeguard the civil rights of blacks in three Southern states during the late 1950s and early 1960s. Trump, clearly grasping for a

way to appear tough in a crisis, declared himself "your president of law and order" and raised the prospect Monday of sending troops into states to "dominate the streets" with or without the permission of a governor. Further blurring the lines between civilian law enforcement and the military, Trump was accompanied by Defense Secretary Mark Esper, who has jarringly referred to American soil as "battle space," and Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Both Pentagon officials allowed themselves to be drawn into Trump's grotesque photo-op, when federal law officers used smoke, chemical compounds, shields, batons and personnel on horseback to drive peaceful demonstrators out of Lafayette Square in front of the White House, just so the president could stroll over to St. John's Episcopal Church and hoist a Bible like a prop for the cameras.

Deploying U.S. forces across the country would send a sharply divisive message in a nation where the line between righteous anger and wrongdoing can sometimes be hard to distinguish as a mass demonstration unfolds, where the military remains an admired and nonpartisan institution, and where a majority of surveyed

Americans agree with what the protesters are justifiably angry about – the travesty of Floyd's death under the pinning knee of a police officer.

Amid blistering criticism from ex-Secretary James Mattis and other former Pentagon brass, Esper – wrestling over how closely to align himself with a polarizing and mercurial commander in chief – landed on the side of reason Wednesday, correctly telling reporters that "the option to use active duty forces in a law enforcement role should only be used as a matter of last resort, and only in the most urgent and dire of situations." He added: "We are not in one of those situations now. I do not support invoking the Insurrection Act."

It was a sharp contrast, and already there's word out of the White House that his commentary was not welcome.

But Trump should listen to his Defense secretary and abandon the idea of sending active duty troops into the streets of America.

As retired Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, put it in an essay this week: "Our fellow citizens are not the enemy, and must never become so."

This editorial was first published in USA Today.

A menace more durable than a virus

Georgi Markov felt a sting on the back of his thigh as he waited for a bus at Waterloo Bridge, about half a mile from the Houses of Parliament, on Sept. 7,

1978. He turned to see a man bending to retrieve an umbrella.

George Will



When Markov, Bulgaria's leading man of letters before he defected in 1968, died four days later, a pinhead-sized pellet was removed from his thigh. Made of a platinum-iridium alloy, the pellet had two openings for the release

of the poison ricin. In a speech shortly thereafter, a senior Bulgarian security official expressed "the deepest gratitude to our Soviet comrades-in-arms of the KGB for their constant help and comradely assistance."

That was 42 years ago. This was last week:

Zdenek Hrib, the mayor of Prague, confirmed that he was given police protection after a Czech magazine reported that three weeks ago a Russian arrived in the Czech Republic carrying ricin and was driven to the Russian embassy in a diplomatic vehicle. Czech law enforcement has not confirmed a plot. The BBC reports that Hrib "filed a report to the authorities after noticing he was being followed close to his home, and had seen the same person 'multiple times,' but he added that he could not confirm if the protection was related to this report."

As this column noted in January, last year China canceled its invitation to four Czech musical ensembles because Tibet's flag flies over Prague's city hall to express opposition to China's attempts to extinguish Tibet's national identity. Hrib, a doctor, has condemned "the forced extraction of organs from members of the Muslim Uighur minority and other prisoners of the (Chinese) regime." Beijing canceled a "sister-cities" agreement when Prague balked at a clause renouncing independence for Tibet and Taiwan. So Hrib instituted a sister-cities agreement with Taipei, Taiwan's capital, where Hrib has been made an honorary citizen. When, at a reception for diplomats in Prague, China's ambassador repeatedly demanded that Taiwan's representative be expelled from the reception, Hrib responded that he does not expel invited guests.

If Russia is threatening Hrib, this might be "comradely assistance" for China. Russia, however, has its own resentments.

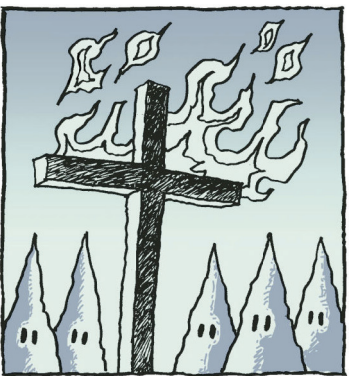
Another Czech mayor, Ondrej Kolar, has been given police protection. He advocated the April removal of the statue, erected in Prague in 1980, of Soviet Marshal Ivan Konev, who was active in the suppressions of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the 1968 Prague Spring. Prague has named the square on which Russia's embassy is located in honor of the Russian Boris Nemtsov, a fierce opponent of President Vladimir Putin. In 2015, Nemtsov was shot dead near the Kremlin. (In Washington, D.C., a portion of Wisconsin Avenue opposite the Russian embassy is designated Boris Nemtsov Plaza.) Prague is renaming a park promenade for Anna Politkovskaya, a Russian journalist and outspoken critic of Putin's war in Chechnya. She was murdered in 2006 in her Moscow apartment building's elevator. People were convicted in connection with the Nemtsov and Politkovskaya killings, but realists suspect that the murders were ordered by others.

In 2006, Alexander Litvinenko, 43, a former Russian spy, was living in London when he was killed by polonium-210 evidently administered in a cup of tea. A British inquiry concluded that Putin probably approved of this assassination. In 2018, in Salisbury, England, Sergei Skripal, a former Russian spy, and his daughter survived poisoning that police consider an attempted murder. China's arrogance in Europe is less lethal, so far.

For example, three Swedish political parties have endorsed expelling China's ambassador. Yaroslav Trofimov, the Wall Street Journal's chief foreign affairs correspondent, says the discord concerns Gui Minhai, a Chinese-born Swedish citizen who as a publisher based in Hong Kong infuriated Beijing by writing about, among other sensitive subjects, the corrupt practices of Chinese President Xi Jinping's family. In 2015, Gui disappeared from his vacation home in Thailand. Sweden says he was kidnapped. China says he voluntarily surrendered to stand trial in China for an alleged 2003 drunk-driving fatality, for which he was sentenced last month to 10 years imprisonment. Last November, when Sweden's PEN Center awarded Gui a prestigious literary prize, China's ambassador threatened: "Some people in Sweden shouldn't feel at ease after hurting the feelings of the Chinese people."

Today's Russian regime, a lawless kleptocracy, is a residue of the Soviet Union, and a successor to the Soviet Union's Leninist party-state. China's regime is such a state and is determined not to have a successor. Today's world contains crude political menaces more durable and potentially more dangerous than a virus.

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Nightmare on Main Street

You may choose to look the other way, but you can never again say that you did not know.
— William Wilberforce

Everyone has had some version of this nightmare: You forget to study for an exam or write a paper that's due in the morning – or, you are running from a monster in hideous pursuit, and you keep falling down.

Kathleen Parker



Relief comes upon waking and realizing that it was all just a bad dream. You are long past the days of term papers and tests and monsters, everyone knows, aren't real.

Except when they are. We hear the words of Stephen King: "Monsters are real, and ghosts are real, too. They live inside us, and sometimes they win."

Now we wake, if we sleep at all, and the nightmare is real – and the monsters have names. We don't have to second-guess what happened to George Floyd. We saw the video and recoiled in horror. Nor do we have to deploy euphemisms or dodgy words like "apparently" or "allegedly" to recount how Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for nine minutes, cutting off blood and oxygen as the prone and cuffed man begged for air and his life.

Chauvin, charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter, is surely the loneliest man on the planet. How does he sleep at night? I try to imagine what he thinks about in those dark hours when the wolf closes in, sniffing the hollowness at the

threshold of his cell. Does he replay those nine minutes trying to understand why he did what he did? Does he even care?

From the video, it's easy to see that Chauvin not only kept his knee in place despite outraged pleas from onlookers; he pressed his full-body weight into Floyd's neck. Why didn't the other three officers stop this horror? What fear or evil allowed them to look away? Why didn't the people taking video compel Chauvin or his brethren to stop? That's impunity, incarnate.

The minds of monsters are hard to read. They are not like us. Monsters are without qualms, hesitations, empathy or remorse. Certitude animates the beast; power feeds its lust for more.

So it has been throughout history, including our own. When we say we can't believe this is happening in the United States of America, we ignore our past, which, the great writer William Faulkner reminded us, is "not even past." From genocide and slavery to Jim Crow, lynchings and the bloody beatings on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, to the breath-shunting knee to George Floyd's throat – mayhem is part of our legacy. Eventually, the boil created by centuries of torture, oppression and hatred – and routinely ignored and explained away – must burst again and again.

History suggests that both sides overlay weak hands, and some of that is happening here. We can't let Floyd's death be in vain, goes the refrain. True enough, but what does it mean if, as Atlanta-born rapper Killer Mike tearfully implored, we burn our own houses to the ground? The absurdity of

rioters destroying public property was clarified with graffiti on the Lincoln Memorial.

By the same measure, President Trump's vow to use the military against U.S. citizens, if realized, will only pour kerosene on the flames. His awkward pose with a Bible in front of a church after dispersing peaceful demonstrators with tear gas makes Sinclair Lewis' Elmer Gantry seem like Moses.

If I may take a moment? Four years ago, I wrote on Election eve that we'd survive no matter who won. It wasn't an endorsement of either candidate but was an exercise in optimism based on my faith in our institutions and our system of checks and balances. Trump, whom I'd previously described as a hot-air buffoon surely wouldn't keep his tyrannical campaign promises, I declared.

How wrong I was. Our Democratic Republic was always an experiment without guarantees or necessarily an expectation of its success. "A Republic, if you can keep it," Benjamin Franklin once quipped. Today, as anarchists infiltrate peaceful demonstrators and wreak havoc from sea-to-sea, the joists of our foundations are being tested.

George Floyd surely never wanted to be a martyr. But, perhaps, he can rest in peace if his unjustified and unmerciful death prompts Americans to reflect and march peacefully across the Pettus Bridge of our collective memory to cast our ballots. The monsters in this nightmare are real, sure enough. But we know their names.

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Roommate’s drunken fights begin to wear renter down

DEAR ABBY: My roommate owns the house. His girlfriend and her two children are over here all day, every day. I have my own living room, office and bedroom, and we share the kitchen and bathroom. I’m clean and respectful and try to mind my own business. The problem is, neither of them work. They drink heavily every day and then scream and fight for hours. Since COVID-19, they have been drinking even more and fighting constantly. Sometimes it gets physical.

My roommate is a verbally abusive drunk, and his girlfriend threatens to leave when he starts abusing her kids, but doesn’t follow through. I have intervened a couple of times on behalf of the children, but there’s only so much I can do. Lately, they’ve been screaming at the top of their lungs about me. I work from home and often customers on the phone hear them drop F-bomb after F-bomb. I’m afraid their behavior will lead to me losing my job. They’re also up until 2 or 3 a.m. every night fighting, which keeps me from sleeping (even with earplugs).

I’m completely stressed out and starting to get depressed. I’m not sure what to do. I have limited funds, so moving would be difficult. I’m wondering if you have any suggestions so I can weather the storm. — Bad Situation In Utah

DEAR BAD SITUATION: This storm isn’t going to end. I feel for the children whose mother doesn’t protect them from her abusive boyfriend. The result will be they will think they deserve the mistreatment they are receiving, which may affect them for the rest of their lives.

I am not sure there is a way to “weather” the storm. Because these addicts cannot control their behavior, and it is affecting the way your clients perceive you, it would be better to get out of there. If possible, go live temporarily with a friend or relative until you find affordable alternative living quarters. Your job may depend on it.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law “Hannah” told one of my children that she is sorry she married my son. He does not know. They are both young adults.

Hannah and her mother had pushed for the marriage. She even bought her wedding dress before he proposed. My son loves her. He is special-needs, lower IQ and gullible.

What do I do with this information? It will hurt him, but I don’t want him wasting years married to someone who doesn’t love him. He deserves better than that. — Sad Mom In Florida

DEAR SAD MOM: Your son needs to know what Hannah has been saying and receive as much support from the family as possible. I think the news should come from the person in whom Hannah confided rather than from you, which could be perceived as meddling. This should also be discussed with an attorney. I hope you will do it soon, before there are children involved.

DEAR ABBY: On May 3, you responded to a cancer patient about what to say to those who bring up her cancer. What do you recommend to readers whose good friends disclose their cancer for the first time? What can be said that shows concern, understanding and being supportive? — At A Loss For Words

DEAR AT A LOSS: I will share what I have said to people I care about when told of their diagnosis. I hope it will guide you. I tell the person I am sorry to hear the person is having to fight that battle, that I will mention him or her in my prayers until remission is accomplished, and offer whatever emotional support the person is willing to accept from me. And then I follow through.

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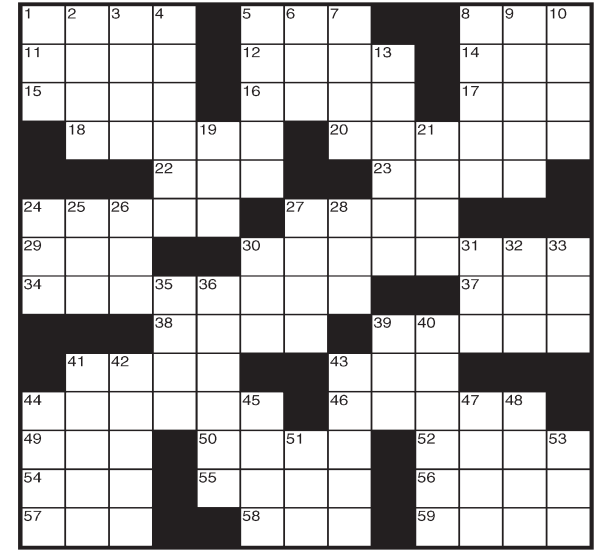
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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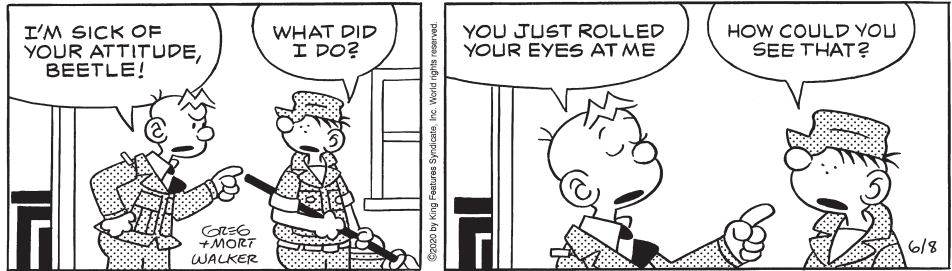
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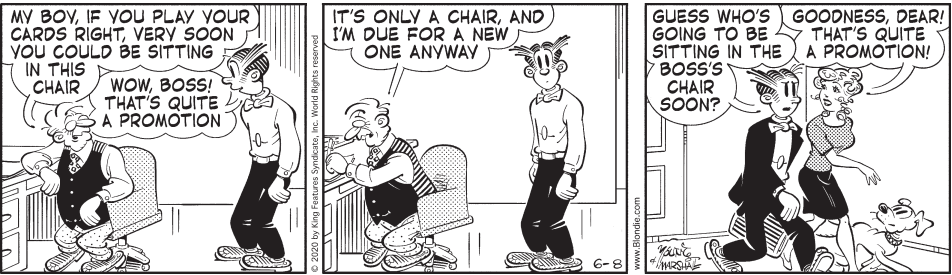
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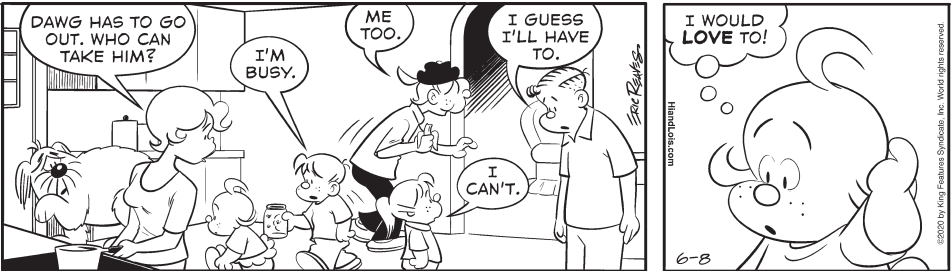
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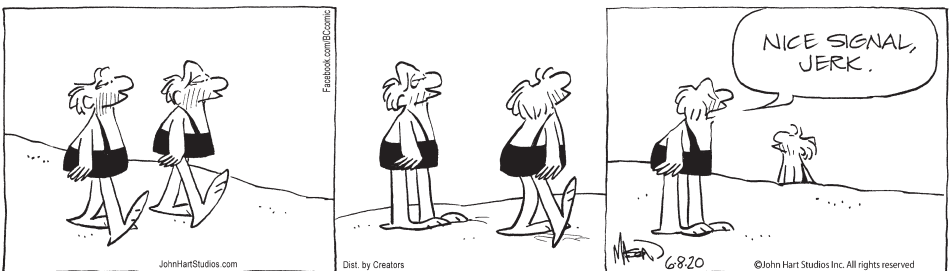
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My Answer: first step toward deliverance is to have a strong desire to change

Q: I’ve prayed for my father to be freed from his alcoholism. Nothing seems to get through to him. I pray that just as Jesus turned the water into wine that He might turn the wine into water. Is this a futile hope? — A.D.

A: Many alcoholics have been converted to Jesus Christ and have been completely delivered from the terrible craving that they’ve had for years. There’s always hope.

Those who know something about alcoholism tell us that the first step toward deliverance is to have a strong desire to change and to verbally admit that they are an alcoholic. In saying this, they’ve stated a tremendous truth, for you can never

be saved from your sins until you first of all admit, “I am a sinner,” and then have a desire to give up your life and let God take control. Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

Louis Zamperini, the WWII veteran and Olympic athlete whose remarkable life was featured in the film “Unbroken” and his testimony declared on a DVD “Captured by Grace” talked fre-

quently about his battle with alcohol and depression. He came to the truth that drunkenness is a sin, according to the Bible, and must be treated that way. It can lead to a sickness, of course, as it did with him. Then he encountered the life-transforming power of Jesus Christ who is the transformer of hearts. Don’t give up on hope and never give up on prayer, because God still performs miracles in turning wrecked lives into redeemed lives.

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“FGMCBV ZD CZWG DGM-FMBGT; BVG JXTG FG ATZRW, BVG BVZTDBZGT FG KGOXJG; MRA BVG DMJG ZD BTPG XE EMJG.” — MTBVRT DOVXUGRVMPGT

Previous Solution: “The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to victory!” — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, D-Day, 1944)

TODAY’S CLUE: B equals K

Triangle full of drama started as a crush in middle school

DEAR ABBY: In middle school, I had a crush on a boy. He didn't even know I existed.

Through a chance meeting many years later, he noticed me, but there were complications. He didn't know how to tell his ex it was too late for her, and it became a love triangle. She saw the error of her ways and left. He and I have been together ever since. He still talked to her as they had been friends forever, but two months ago he stopped.

Meanwhile, through all of this, she has been cyber-stalking and manipulating me. She has created multiple Facebook accounts to torture me, sent me a video of my boyfriend doing sexual things and tried to make me believe it was current. (It was five years old.)

He cut off contact with her, and it was glorious until last week, when she helped him get back in touch with his son, whom he hasn't seen in 10-plus years. I see it for the manipulation it is, but he sees it as her redemption. He doesn't care that it hurts me, and he refuses to get rid of her.

She has slandered me all over Facebook, and I don't think he should expect me to be OK with this or for him to even WANT a person like that in his life. He was AMAZING without her influence. How do I get him back to that person? I miss him so much! — Anguished In Arizona

DEAR ANGUISHED: Let me get this straight. This man cheated on his ex with you, and you expected her to play fair? I wish you had mentioned why your boyfriend hasn't seen his son in more than 10 years. It might have been the most interesting paragraph in your letter. Were he and his ex married? Just living together while she was "in denial"?

From where I sit, she is doing everything she can to fight for "her man." He appears to have fences to mend with his son and with her, and you may have to accept it. It looks like he has already made up his mind about that, and unless you can accept it, your romance will be over. Only you can decide whether staying with this person is worth the drama.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law moved into the house next door three years ago. While I enjoy her company and like her as a person, I'm having difficulty expressing my frustration with one particular issue.

I have a beautiful hedge that separates our driveways and provides privacy. She regularly leaves her garbage can lids on top of my hedge as well as various other things she's discarding (eventually). Today I noticed a large portion of the shrub showing what appears to be a chemical burn. (She has been known to use toxic chemicals to rid her yard of weeds, etc.) I don't want to offend her, but at the same time, I'm struggling to find the words to properly address my desire for her to mind the property line. Help! — Related To My Neighbor

DEAR RELATED: This is something you should have addressed when the problem started. Approach her calmly and say something like this: "It bothers me that you leave your trash can lids and other items on my hedge. When you do, it makes me feel disrespected. Something you left on the hedge has damaged it. My hedge was expensive to install, and this is upsetting me. Please don't do it again."

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ACROSS

1 Stick

5 Pekoe, e.g.

8 Retreat

12 Lox locale

13 Skirt

14 Flibber

15 Bookstore section (hyph.)

17 Green pods

18 Familiar digit

19 Suit coat features

21 Pile up

24 Wire gauge

25 Apply henna

26 Boating pronoun

27 Chewed the scenery

30 Jacques' pals

32 Ames inst.

33 At close quarters

37 Zany one

38 Crestfallen

39 Staffer

40 Polite address

DOWN

1 NFL scores

2 Microscopic

3 Down with the flu

4 Presents

5 "Of — I Sing"

6 Sushi bar selection

7 Largeness

ACROSS

43 Give silent assent

44 Not delay

47 Crooner — Damone

48 Board game

50 Noisier

52 "The Tell-Tale Heart" penner

53 Zenith

54 Secret

59 Barber-shop item

60 Roadster

61 Casino cubes

62 Starr and Kyser

63 Explosive letters

64 Area of London

DOWN

8 Dud

9 Delighted in

10 Premature

11 Backspace on a PC

16 Garden shed item

20 Ginger —

21 Crazy captain

22 Written reminder

23 Grand Canyon st.

24 Stained-glass art

28 Send the wrong way

29 Forensic sci. tool

31 Roman sun god

34 One, in Dresden

35 Uproars

36 Some wines

41 Blvd.

42 Glasgow citizen

44 Alas and —

45 Winter drink

46 Stomach

49 Takes advice

51 Rookie socialites

52 Sweet wine

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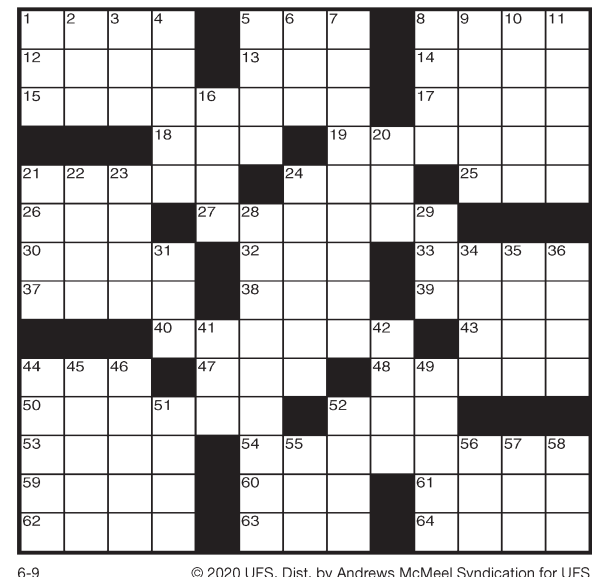
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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CRAZE	DRABL	Y
PER	IFSO	
ABATE	MICA	
SOD	RUNS	RIOT
HYDRANTS	IRA	
OUST	BEIGE	
KEPT	DUG	
COMEUP	URGES	
ZAP	MOSS	IDLE
ALT	NEAT	EGOS
RAY	TOY	RETE



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	4	7	3	1	9	2	8	6
8	1	2	5	7	6	3	9	4
3	9	6	4	8	2	7	5	1
6	7	3	1	4	8	9	2	5
2	5	4	7	9	3	6	1	8
9	8	1	6	2	5	4	7	3
7	3	5	2	6	1	8	4	9
4	6	8	9	5	7	1	3	2
1	2	9	8	3	4	5	6	7

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PGORN

PEGIR

PROEHG

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

This is so exciting!

C'mon. Stick, you can do it!

I've never seen anything like this.

THE ARM WRESTLING MATCH HELD EVERYONE'S ATTENTION BECAUSE IT WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ERROR GOURD WINNER FLOPPY

Answer: The young flatfish were just learning to swim and were — FLOUNDERING

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"Kids' voices were never so penetrating when I was little."

BEEBLE BAILEY

GREG FACCHINI WALKER

WAS THINKING OF WRITING MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY, BUT MAYBE I SHOULD HIRE A WRITER

WHY?

IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT FOR ME TO EMBELLISH MY OWN CAREER

BLONDIE

DAGWOOD, WAKE UP! I THINK YOU SLEEP-TEXTED ME DURING THE NIGHT

WHAT DID I SAY?

AT LEAST THIS EXPLAINS THE CRAZY DREAM I HAD LAST NIGHT

SKNXX-XI!

SO I GUESS THAT ALSO EXPLAINS HIS 2ND MESSAGE

Blondie! ZZZZZZ!

HI & LOIS

I THOUGHT YOU WERE WORKING AT HOME TODAY.

I AM.

I CHANGED OUT OF MY PAJAMAS FOR A VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH MY BOSS.

BC

LOLLYGAG

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

OUTCOME OF RUNNING WHILE EATING CANDY,

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WIZARD OF ID

ZOT

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DILBERT

DID YOU SEE THE SHOCKING CLAIMS IN THE VIDEO I EMAILED TO YOU?

YES. THE VIDEO IS SO OBVIOUSLY FAKE THAT ONLY A RAGING MORON WOULD THINK ANY OF IT IS TRUE.

I THINK IT'S ALL TRUE.

WELP, THAT'S ONE DATA POINT IN MY FAVOR.

GARFIELD

WHY ARE THE MICE RUNNING LAPS IN THE KITCHEN?

AND WASHING MY CAR? AND DOING JUMPING JACKS?

AND WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SIX-PACK OF ENERGY DRINKS?

I THINK YOU SOLVED THE MYSTERY, SHERLOCK

FORT KNOX

WHAT'S WITH THE LETTERS?

I NOW LIVE IN A SORORITY HOUSE, GENERAL.

PLEASE TELL ME THAT YOU'RE NOT SOME OLD SORORITY MEMBER.

OF COURSE NOT.

THANK GOOPNESS.

I'M THEIR LEADER.

PICKLES

DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT SKIN, SON?

NOPE.

WELL, IT'S PRETTY DARN IMPORTANT.

TO QUOTE ALLAN SHERMAN, "SKIN'S THE THING THAT IF YOU'VE GOT IT OUTSIDE, IT HELPS KEEP YOUR INSIDES IN."

YEAH, AND IT KEEPS PEOPLE WHO LOOK AT US FROM THROWING UP.

GOOD POINT.

Science cannot change the seasons

Q: Experiencing the massive shut down of the world because of a virus that reportedly started in China has caused me to question the ability of people to get a handle on the problems that seem to loom larger than in the past. Have our educators and leaders really made as much progress for which they are acclaimed? — E.H.

Billy Graham My Answer



A: More important than electricity, technology, and medicine are the issues of the heart. Science is learning to control just about everything but man. Solve the problems of hate, lust, greed, and prejudice — which produce social strife and ultimately war — and the world would be a different place. Our future is threatened by many dangers: growing violence, pandemics, anxiety, but they all stem from the heart. Greater than the enemy out-

side is the enemy within — sin. No matter how advanced its progress, civilizations that neglect its spiritual and moral life will eventually disintegrate. This is the history of mankind, and it's our problem still today. Science cannot change the seasons, the rising of the sun, or the setting of the moon. Nor can man's knowledge change human nature. When doubt reigns, faith cannot abide. Where hatred rules, love is crowded out. Much of the world in search of knowledge ignores God. Today we have more knowl-

edge than at any other time in history. In seconds our computers can call up information about a topic that took years to collect. We are the most informed people in the history of civilization — and yet the most confused. Though our heads are crammed with knowledge, our hearts are empty. But where man has failed, God has succeeded. Keep His Word at the center of your life and remember what the Bible says, "The fear [reverence] of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7).

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TWNLE." — UBBJ KJMN XTDDT

Previous Solution: "Wealth is like sea-water; the more we drink, the thirstier we become; and the same is true of fame." — Arthur Schopenhauer

TODAY'S CLUE: Z sjebnz X



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BBB Serving Northern Indiana welcomes new faces

Three new employees, five new board members ready to serve

STAFF REPORT

BBB Serving Northern Indiana has announced three new staff members and five new board members, according to Nichole Thomas, director of communications, public relations and community outreach.

“These talented individuals are key assets to advance BBB’s mission of creating a marketplace where businesses and consumers can trust each other,” stated Thomas.

■ Thomas joined the BBB team in March. Her most recent role was the media relations director at the Indiana Department of Transportation. Thomas developed strategies to promote agency goals via traditional media, social media and non-traditional sources. She also has more than 15 years of experience in communications, public relations and event planning. She is the mother of two and heavily involved in community service work in the Fort Wayne area.

■ Randy Becht joined the BBB team in March as the accredited business manager. His roles include overseeing the accredited business representatives and building value for our member businesses. His former roles include positions at Creditsafe and Verizon.

In his free time, Becht’s hobbies include playing, watching and refereeing ice hockey, refereeing lacrosse, and mountain biking. He also enjoys watching movies and football, as well as spending time with and gaming with his nephews and niece.

■ Andrew Schubert joined the BBB in September 2019 and was promoted to business development manager in March. His duties include assisting eligible businesses to explore BBB Accreditation. Before he joined the BBB, Schubert worked for several years in telecommunications and the solar industry. In both industries, Schubert quickly moved to management positions. Schubert and his wife have two children and three dogs. They are Fort Wayne natives and plan to stay for a long time.

BBB Serving Northern Indiana is also welcoming five new members to its Board of Directors:

■ Derek T. Gessler, vice president of security and strategic planning at Midwest Security Forces in Chesterton, brings 17 years of experience in the security industry to the BBB Board of Directors. He has extensive training and experience in leadership and operations management. With a focus on customer satisfaction, ethical operation, and employee growth, he shares the BBB’s focus on marketplace trust.

■ Christopher Harvey, assistant vice president of network architecture and CISCO at Brotherhood Mutual Insurance in Fort Wayne, joined Brotherhood Mutual in 1998

as a senior network engineer and became manager of network services in 2008, then assumed his current position in 2011. He serves on the board of the local Salvation Army chapter.

■ Robert Congdon, business development officer at 1st Source Bank’s in Fort Wayne, has more than 25 years of retirement planning experience from previous roles at a national insurance company and two third-party administration firms. He’s a qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA) through the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries and holds a FINRA Series 6 & 63.

■ Shelly Koelper, owner and general manager of Paul Davis of Northeast Indiana, brings a passion for creating change to strengthen, challenge, and encourage people to elevate themselves. Also, fostering adults with mental and physical handicaps through Easter Seals Arc has given her a passion for seeing the mainstreaming of those adults into public life and the workforce.

■ John H. Davis, attorney at law in Merrillville, has been practicing law since 1985. He works pro bono in criminal defense with federal courts, along with pro bono and partial pro bono work with Catholic Charities/ACLU to assist people illegally separated from their children. A former Indiana public defender and deputy prosecutor, Davis brings the dedication and accessibility that he credits with his legal success to the BBB board.

COVID-19-RELATED BUSINESS RESOURCES AVAILABLE

STAFF REPORT

Webb’s Family Pharmacy to provide free masks, hand sanitizer to community

Webb’s Family Pharmacy, 103 N. Heeter St., North Manchester, will provide area residents with their choice of 10 surgical masks and one 5-ounce hand sanitizer, or two KN-95 masks and one 5-ounce hand sanitizer. This will be free – one per household. Pick up at the drive-thru. Free-will donations to help fund additional masks and sanitizers for the community will be accepted.

ISBDC offering virtual business consulting sessions

Grow Wabash County will continue to partner with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) to offer free, virtual confidential business consulting. Business advisors Wes Shie and Billie Wunderlich, are here to be that resource for Wabash County businesses. Appointments with Shie and/or Wunderlich may be scheduled through their emails. Shie may be reached at wshie@isbdc.org and Wunderlich at isbdc.org. You may also make arrangements by calling 260-481-0500. After the quarantine has lifted in Indiana, Shie and Wunderlich will host in-person appointments every third Thursday of the month at the Grow Wabash County office, 214 S. Wabash St. Learn more about these free business consultations and other entrepreneurship supports offered through Grow Wabash County at growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship. For more information, visit <https://isbdc.org/services/>.

T-shirts to benefit small businesses, individuals

Individuals will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive T-shirt online and 100 percent of the proceeds will be used to help struggling small businesses and individuals in Wabash County. Visit Wabash County has partnered with a local company, Spirit Wear, to offer a unisex T-shirt in sizes Small to 4XL to promote the slogan “Better Together.” Four colors will be offered: vintage black, rust, deep teal and fuchsia. The tees are just \$20 each, including tax and shipping. To purchase a “Better Together” Wabash County T-shirt, please visit www.visitwabashcounty.com or visit the Visit Wabash County Facebook page. The T-shirts will be shipped directly to the provided address.

Hotline open for businesses, industries with COVID-19 questions

The Critical Industries Hotline will be reachable by calling 877-820-0890 or by

emailing covidresponse@iedc.in.gov.

Grow Wabash County launches COVID-19 business impact survey

Grow Wabash County created a survey in partnership with several local organizations to collect information to gauge the local impact to all of our business community. The survey may be found by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/vsvmv4b>.

Wabash Marketplace announces Business Interruption Loan

Members of Wabash Marketplace man apply for the Business Interruption Loan. There are no application fees and the loan offers up to \$5,000 for a maximum term of 24 months. Those interested in the loan program are encouraged to review the loan details on the homepage of www.wabashmarketplace.org. The next step is to email info@WabashMarketplace.org or leave a message at 260-563-0975.

SBA offers small businesses financial assistance

Small businesses are eligible for financial assistance under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Indiana. To apply for loans, visit SBA.gov/Disaster Contact 800-659-2955 or disaster.customerservice@sba.gov with questions. The deadline to apply is Dec. 18.

Grow Wabash County ready to help businesses, nonprofits

Businesses and nonprofits with questions may email info@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/.

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Wabash Marketplace donations of \$250-plus to be applied to others in need

Any donations of \$250 or more will be applied towards 2020 membership dues for nonprofits and small businesses in need. For more information, visit <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/online-payments.html>.

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What a difference a year makes.

This time last year, the IRS was processing federal returns with few problems – nearly 138 million by the third week in May. This year, with staff sent home because of the novel coronavirus, the agency has only processed 117 million returns, down

14 percent from last year, according to the latest statistics for the 2020 filing season.

The average refund is \$2,778, about the same as last year at this time.

This year’s tax deadline has been pushed back to July 15. That’s a good thing, because the agency has been preoccupied with getting out tens of millions of stimulus payments – up to \$1,200 per qualified individual – through the Cares Act.

With just about a month and half to go, a challenging tax season will only get more stressful for taxpayers with problems that can’t be solved by going to irs.gov.

It probably won’t end your frustration, but the following list may explain why you aren’t getting the help you need right now. Here’s what the IRS can’t do because of the pandemic:

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■ Mail tax forms. The National Distribution Center, the IRS office that would normally send out forms or publications, is closed. You can, however, download most forms at irs.gov/forms.

■ Respond to mail or email correspondence. The IRS says don’t bother writing to inquire about your return, refund or stimulus payment. The agency doesn’t have the staff to respond to taxpayer questions.

■ Answer your call. The IRS has for years struggled to handle the high volume of calls from taxpayers. If you have a question about your stimulus payment, the IRS is providing live assistance. Callers must first navigate past the recorded messages. Even then, the help is very limited, often referring

people back to irs.gov for answers. “It doesn’t provide direct access to someone who can check a taxpayer’s account,” said IRS spokesman Eric Smith.

Here’s what the IRS can do, and is doing, as the new July 15 tax deadline approaches:

■ Process electronic tax returns. Even during the best of times, it’s better to file your return electronically, especially if you are expecting a refund. This year, more than 90 percent of taxpayers have filed electronically. If you are able, you can prepare your own taxes by using the IRS’s Free File Fillable Forms.

■ Collect taxes due. Don’t believe for a second that because the agency is not fully operational you get to put off paying your taxes. Unless the deadline is pushed out further, if you owe the IRS, you need to make an electronic payment by July 15 or have your paper return postmarked by that date. Eventually the IRS will process your paper return, and you don’t want to be hit with interest and penalties for failing to file on time and pay what you owe.

■ Provide tax transcripts. The IRS is not processing transcript requests by mail. But if you need information from a recently filed return, you can set up an IRS online account, which will give you access to the tax tool “Get Transcript.” To e-file, you may need your prior year customer service, where you have to answer some security questions before a replacement card is mailed. Berliner was asked the color of a previously owned car.

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To trace your payment, call 800-919-9835 or submit IRS Form 3911, which, under normal circumstances, is used for an issue with a refund. You can download the form at irs.gov, but don’t expect too much going this route. The IRS is still not processing correspondence received through the mail. And the phone assistance will test your patience.

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■ Send refunds. If you haven’t filed and you’re due a refund, file as soon as you can and request direct deposit, which will speed up your payment.

■ Create payment plans. If you owe but can’t pay, you can apply online for a payment plan. You can apply for a short-term plan that gives you 120 days to pay your tax balance in full or for a long-term installment agreement that allows you to make monthly payments on your balance.

■ Answer the question, “Where’s My Refund?” The online service to track your refund remains available, just as it was before COVID-19.

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Didn’t get your stimulus payment? Here’s how to find it

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information pages to answer people’s questions. But the guidance is just not good enough. So here are some answers – as best I could obtain – to three major stimulus payment problems.

Discarded debit cards: If you have lost or thrown out the stimulus debit card, you’ll have to call 800-240-8100 for a free replacement, according to directions at eipcard.com. The cards are issued by MetaBank, but the guidance is woefully lacking from there. Many people give up when prompted to put in their card number.

“The automated voice hung up on me when I could not provide the number on the front of the card because I threw it out, of course,” wrote Jed Berliner, an attorney from Springfield, Massachusetts.

The prompt should say if you don’t have the card number, here’s the next step. People are already upset and trying to figure out the various options. I encouraged Berliner to try again, and he successfully reached a customer representative.

When you call, ignore the instructions to press Option 1 to reach customer service. Instead, choose Option 2 for a lost or stolen card. Then you need to select Option 1 to input the last six digits of your Social Security number as well as your ZIP code. From there, you should be transferred to a person in

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No stimulus payment: The IRS continues to issue payments based on recently filed tax returns and to some individuals with foreign addresses who are awaiting payment, according to IRS spokesman Eric Smith.

If you haven’t filed a federal tax return for 2018 or 2019 or your income is too low, you won’t receive an automatic stimulus payment unless you use the non-filer tool at irs.gov to provide simple information to the IRS.

The EIP payment is an advance credit for 2020. Stimulus payments must be made by Dec. 31, so there’s still time. If you receive Social Security retirement, survivor or disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement benefits or Veterans Affairs benefits, you are supposed to get an automatic payment. If you haven’t gotten the money, it may still be on the way.

If you don’t receive payment by the end of the year, you’ll still have an opportunity to get the stimulus funds. It’s not ideal if you’re struggling now, but you can get the money when you file your 2020 federal return next year.